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SUBJECT: BHUTTO'S FEBRUARY VISIT

REF: STATE 271618

1. BOTH THE TIMING AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR BHUTTO'S VISIT AS CONTAINED IN STATE 271618 SATISFACTORY TO BHUTTO AND YOU MAY CONSIDER THAT THIS FIRMS UP THE VISIT AS FAR AS THIS END IS CONCERNED. MRS. BHUTTO WILL ACCOMPANY.

2. BHUTTO WAS HIGHLY PLEASED TO GET THE WORD THAT THE VISIT COULD BE EARLY IN FEBRUARY. HIS ONLY DISAPPOINTMENT SEEMED TO BE LACK OF OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE RETURN SOCIAL EVENT. HE SAID HE WOULD REALLY LIKE TO GIVE AT LEAST A RECEPTION EVEN THOUGH PRESIDENT FORD COULD NOT ATTEND. I THINK I CONVINCED HIM THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE TIME IN THE SCHEDULE BUT AM NOT CERTAIN HE MAY NOT RAISE THE MATTER AGAIN.

3. PLEASE GIVE ME AS YOU CAN TIMING AND NATURE OF WHITE HOUSE PRESS RELEASE SO THAT BHUTTO CAN ARRANGE FOR APPROPRIATE NEAR SIMULTANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENT HERE. ALSO, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW MANY YOU WOULD FEEL WOULD BE REASONABLE NUMBER TO BE IN OFFICIAL PARTY ACCOMPANYING BHUTTO.

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